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G.O.P. Whip Chides McNamara
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(AP) — A House Republican leader accused Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara today of trying to take over responsibilities that belong to Congress by squelching the RS-70 bomber program.

Representative Leslie C. Arends of Illinois, Republican whip and ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee, said that Mr. McNamara "needs to be reminded" that the Constitution puts Congress in charge of the kind and size of military defense the nation maintains.

Representative Arends issued his statement as the House opened debate on a record \$15,800,000,000 military buying bill.